Import of cattle into Travancore.

82. *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) is it a fact that the Madras Government has given permission to import into Travancore a certain number of cattle every month;

(*b*) if so, what is the number of cattle so permitted;

(*c*) can *bona fide* ryots in the State now import plough cattle from the Madras Presidency;

(*d*) if so, who is the authority in the State who is empowered to issue permits for the purpose: and

(*e*) are there any conditions that a *bona fide* ryot who wishes to import cattle should observe and if so, what are those conditions?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) No. The matter is under negotiation.

(*b*) to (*e*) Do not arise.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know when this matter was brought to the notice of Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Government took up the matter with the Central Government and various other Provincial Governments over an year ago. In the October meeting of the Joint Cattle Board it was decided, when the Madras representative was also present at that meeting, that 200 heads of cattle should be allowed every month for Travancore until the next cattle census is over. The formal communication from the Madras Government has not yet been received on the subject.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when was that decision made?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: In October 1944.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know, is that number 200 exclusively for Travancore or for both Travancore and Cochin?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That number is exclusively for Travancore.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the officer who represented Travancore in that function?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I, Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Do the Government feel that this is a matter of urgent necessity to the agriculturists of this State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: This is a matter of very great urgency and I may assure the honourable members that no stone will be left unturned with regard to this affair.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how the distribution of these 200 cattle is to be done in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That does not arise now because the allotment itself has not been made.

PRESIDENT: At the Conference we suggested that about 30,000 heads of cattle may be imported and if it is not possible at least 10,000 may be allowed to be imported. That was at a joint conference of the

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representatives of Madras, Hyderabad, Mysore and Travancore. As a result of that, in response to our request for 10,000 we have got now 200 per month. What has been promised has not been granted yet. It is only on the move. When the matter was reminded, Hyderabad blamed Mysore and Mysore blamed somebody else and so on. We have reminded the Government of India and other Governments in the matter. Anyway we are expecting the first consignment of 200 as early as possible.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will those cattle be distributed among the taluks of the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They will be distributed having regard to the needs of the various localities.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the number of the cattle in the country?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The cattle census has been completed and the results are being co-ordinated in my office.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what is the total number at present?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The results of the census are being co-ordinated in my office.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know at least the approximate number of cattle according to the census?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I cannot make a wild guess, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the number is on the increase or decrease?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I cannot say.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I would like to know roughly the figure because it is a very necessary thing to study the subject.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I am not able to give the figure even approximately.

PRESIDENT: The results will be published shortly because it will be more useful to the public.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Just to compel the Madras Government to send us cattle, is it not possible for us to refuse some of our material to the Madras Government?

PRESIDENT: What are the materials that are available here for the purpose of Madras? There is absolutely no material in Travancore for which Madras is depending on us. Will the honourable member let us know the kind of Travancore material which he has in mind?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Any material from Travancore is enough.

PRESIDENT: There is no material which Madras Government takes from Travancore. If the honourable members are suggesting this kind of thing and this is the kind of spirit exhibited by them the Madras Government will say that they will not send us any cattle. They will say that they have not got any cattle. We must get the favour of Madras, Mysore and Hyderabad Governments as also the Government of India to get cattle into Travancore. The suggestion that we should refuse our material fort hem will put us into difficulty. For purposes of cattle there will be no response from Madras.

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